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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3.15 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

International Tribunal for Rwanda

3.30 p.m.	3934th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation concerning Rwanda

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

Establishment of the list of candidates for Judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION
(UNSCOM)

Sixteenth plenary session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 21st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Labour of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Jamaica

Bhutan

Cameroon

Iraq

Bolivia

Tajikistan

Saint Lucia

3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Bahamas

Myanmar

Cape Verde

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Donald Kalpokas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu

Zambia

Belarus

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/53/37, A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.3, CRP.5, CRP.6 and CRP.7

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the reports of the Board of Auditors; replies from administrations to the reports of the Board of Auditors; and guidelines for internal control standards
2. Optical disk system

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

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Wednesday, 30 September 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on organizational matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place *today*, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), *today*, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 23rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Chad

   Jordan

   Lesotho

   Congo

   The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Uganda

   Sierra Leone

   Gabon

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.1) [20 (b)].

3 p.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Solomon Islands

Central African Republic

Maldives

Ethiopia

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Guatemala

Grenada

Malawi

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The working groups of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) will hold their consultations on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health: and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Fifth Committee *(on organizational matters of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: preparations for the high-level review in the year 2000 of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies)* on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; organizational matters of the Second Committee)* on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

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A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 28 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

18th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. James Michel, Vice-President of Seychelles, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania; and H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda.

H.E. Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and elected President of the Palestinian Authority, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Kassymjomart Tokaev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Attaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Momodou Lamin Sedat Jobe, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Muratbek Imanaliev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Choe Su Hon, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and H.E. Mr. Mate Granić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia.

Tuesday, 29 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3932nd meeting

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/883)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Indonesia, Norway, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Stephen Lewis, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Mr. Kofi Asomani, Director of the Liaison Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at United Nations Headquarters, and Mrs. Sylvie Junod, Head of the Delegation of the International Committee for the Red Cross to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the United States, China, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Portugal, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Kenya, the Gambia, Costa Rica and Japan.

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Gabon and Bahrain, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Sweden.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting the Council heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Pakistan, Indonesia and Norway.

In accordance with the decisions taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, by the Head of the Delegation of the International Committee for the Red Cross to the United Nations, and by the Director of the Liaison Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at United Nations Headquarters.

3933rd meeting

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The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/30).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

19th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Guido de Marco, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Joseph Kokou Koffigoh, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo; H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Tofik Nadir ogly Zulfugarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Abuzed Omar Dorda, Head of Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. The Hon. Taufa Vakatale, Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji; H.E. Mr. Boris Shikhmuradov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan; and H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismaiel, Minister for External Relations of the Sudan.

20th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 20th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/188).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1998

489th and 490th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Kuwait (CRC/C/8/Add.35).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then continued its consideration of item 4 in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Senegal (24 September 1998)*

Ratification: Honduras (24 September 1998)*

Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. 15 January 1992

Acceptance: Cyprus (28 September 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Solomon Islands (29 September 1998)

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Signature: Tajikistan (28 September 1998)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Statute was opened for signature by all States in Rome at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 17 July 1998. Thereafter, it was opened for signature in Rome at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy where it will remain until 17 October 1998. After that date, the Statute will be open for signature in New York, at United Nations Headquarters, until 31 December 2000.

The place of signature in New York will be the Office of Legal Affairs. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange the times of signature (room S-3200, tel.: 963-5047, fax: 963-3693).

It is also advised that Parties intending to sign the Statute submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

Signature: Bolivia (17 July 1998)
Signature: Cameroon (17 July 1998)
Signature: Congo (17 July 1998)
Signature: Liberia (17 July 1998)
Signature: Mali (17 July 1998)
Signature: Malta (17 July 1998)
Signature: Niger (17 July 1998)
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Signature: Spain (18 July 1998)
Signature: Switzerland (18 July 1998)
Signature: Iceland (26 August 1998)
Signature: Norway (28 August 1998)
Signature: Belgium (10 September 1998)
Signature: Chile (11 September 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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Security Council resolution 1199 (1998)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Sixteenth session

WORKING GROUPS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

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Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.9, CRP.10, CRP.11 and CRP.12

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)
2. United Nations Mission in Angola (MONUA)
3. United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)

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(on a draft resolution under item 20 (b) and the organization of work of the Second Committee)

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on organizational matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

Ministerial meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a meeting of Member States of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on disarmament matters *today*, 1 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room E.

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The twentieth annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action, on the theme "In Defense of Human Dignity: Striking the Balance of Peace and Justice", will take place *today*, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Dr. Jadranko Prlic, the Deputy Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Dragan Bozanic, and the Assistant Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Sidik Spahic, will give a briefing for all interested delegations and press accredited to the United Nations *today*, 1 October 1998, at 12.30 p.m. at the UNCA Club (located on the 3rd floor of the Secretariat building).

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 2 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 25th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Comoros

   Albania

   Trinidad and Tobago

   Mali

   Equatorial Guinea

   Madagascar

   Eritrea

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

   Guinea-Bissau

   Rwanda

   Haiti

   Angola

   Georgia

   Uzbekistan

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2) [20 (b)].

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General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

20th plenary meeting

Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/389) [16 (b)]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, extended the term of office of Mrs. Sadako Ogata as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two years, beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Rwanda (on behalf of the African States) and the Republic of Moldova (on behalf of the Eastern European States).

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Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Shailaja Acharya, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Water Resources of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Chairman of the Delegation of Samoa; H.E. Dr. Nizar Madani, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Cheikh El Avia Ould Mohamed Khouna, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania; H.E. Mr. Kolawolé Idji, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin; H.E. Dr. János Martonyi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Albert Pintat Santolària, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan; H.E. Mr. Carlston B. Boucher, Chairman of the Delegation of Barbados; and H.E. The Hon. Bonaya Adhi Godana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kenya.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3934th meeting

The situation concerning Rwanda

International tribunal for the prosecution of persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of Rwanda and Rwandan citizens responsible for such violations committed in the territory of neighbouring States

Establishment of the list of candidates for Judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/903, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/903) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/903) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1200 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

21st plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Hon. Edison James, Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Labour of the Commonwealth of Dominica, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Seymour Mullings, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Jigmi Yoser Thinley, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Augustin Kontchou Kouomegni, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Javier Murillo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Talbak Nazarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan; and H.E. The Hon. George Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Santa Lucia.

22th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 22th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/189).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

491st and 492nd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

Cooperation with the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies [6]

Methods of work of the Committee [7]

The Committee considered these items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Acceptance: Japan (30 September 1998)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

Ratification: Ireland (30 September 1998)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. New York, 21 May 1997

Signature: Norway (30 September 1998)

Ratification: Norway (30 September 1998)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Turkmenistan (29 September 1998)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Year of Older Persons

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 1 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members.

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World Habitat Day, 1998

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, 1998, the New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) will hold a panel discussion on the theme: "Safer Cities" on Monday, 5 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Deputy Secretary-General will be among the participants. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and programmes, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 2 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (S/1998/839)

Briefing by Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	25th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Comoros

   Albania

   Trinidad and Tobago

   Mali

   Equatorial Guinea

   Madagascar

   Eritrea

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Guinea-Bissau

Rwanda

Haiti

Angola

Georgia

Uzbekistan

Sao Tome and Principe

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.13, CRP.14, CRP.15, CRP.16 and CRP.17

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP)

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10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 5 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	28th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2) [20 (b)].

Committees

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3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

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10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

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10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

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10 a.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
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H.E. Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Janet Bostwick, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. José Luis Jesus, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities of Cape Verde; and H.E. The Hon. Allan Cruickshank, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Information of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

H.E. The Hon. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. The Hon. Donald Kalpokas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Keli Walubita, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zambia; and H.E. The Hon. Ivan Antonovich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Chile, Croatia, Bolivia, Belarus and Chile.

Thursday, 1 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

23rd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Chad; H.E. Mr. Abdel-Elah Khatib, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. The Hon. Thomas Motsoahae Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Rodolphe Adada, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Blagoj Handziski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; H.E. The Hon. Eriya Kategaya, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Sama Banya, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; and H.E. Mr. Casimir Oye Mba, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Gabon.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.1) [20 (b)]

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.1 (resolution 53/1).

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

24th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 24th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/190).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Signature: Maldives (1 October 1998)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Viet Nam (30 September 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Comoros (1 October 1998)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 5 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

5 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Briefing by the Secretary-General

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	28th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2/Rev.1) [20 (b)].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-IX), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII; A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee on all organizational matters of the Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227 (A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.2/53/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416 and A/53/425)

Introduction and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/53/L.1/Rev.1 and A/C.5/53/L.2/Rev.1)

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

   Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Death and disability (A/C.5/53/16)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)

   Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.18 and CRP.19

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)
2. United Nations Mission for the referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)
3. Utilization of the Development Fund

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 5 October 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the United Nations Development Group Office (UNDG) on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will hold an informal briefing for delegations on issues to be considered at the Second Committee of the General Assembly on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The informal briefing will be held on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) will be held on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 29th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana.

2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85]: commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peaceekeeping: draft resolution (A/53/L.5).

3 p.m. 30th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will meet from 6 to 9 October 1998 (Part I) in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

Announcement

The statement scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 10 a.m. by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E Connor, on agenda item 115 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations), will now be made at 3 p.m. on the same day.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Arab Group of the Sixth Committee will meet on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefings

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meeting will include the presentation by the President of the World Bank at the annual meetings of the Bank (by video) and a brief discussion of the 1998 annual report of the Bank. Copies of the report will be available. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, a panel discussion on the theme "Towards a Global Partnership for South-South Cooperation in the New Millenium" will take place on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panel will be chaired and moderated by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. Eminents persons will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

24th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 5) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Dominica had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Chapter.

Continuation of the general debate

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Edmond Andresen, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs of Solomon Island; H.E. Mr. Antonio Deinde Fernandez, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Jadranko Prlić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina; H.E. Mr. Eduardo Stein Barillas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Robert Millette, Chairman of the Delegation of Grenada; and H.E. The Hon. Mapopa Chipeta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malawi.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Friday, 2 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

25th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador

H.E. Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Salim Hadji Himidi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. Paskal Milo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania; H.E. Mr. George Winston McKenzie, Chairman of the Delegation of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali and for Malians living abroad; H.E. Mr. Miguel Oyono Ndong Mifumu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Equatorial Guinea; H.E. Mrs. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; and H.E. Mr. Haile Weldensae, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea.

26th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 26th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/191).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 1998

493rd and 494th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Thailand (CRC/C/11/Add.13).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then continued its consideration of item 4 in closed session.

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1998

495th and 496th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/834 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/912)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	29th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

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3 p.m.	30th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);

(d) Draft decision (A/53/45, para. 87).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 3rd meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Organization of work (A/C.2/53/1, A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.2/53/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1)

2. General debate:

Statement by the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs

Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)
Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
Netherlands
Bangladesh
United States
Turkey
Belarus
Uganda
Cuba
People's Republic of China
South Africa
Pakistan

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 4th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

United Republic of Tanzania
Myanmar
Mali
Algeria
Japan
Tunisia
Bolivia
Senegal
Uruguay
Mexico
South Pacific Forum (IGO)
Argentina

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 4th meeting — Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998 311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416* and A/53/425)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, Chapter III, Section C))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 4th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the current financial situation of the United Nations

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/ 53/7/Add.3)

Introduction and general discussion

4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)

Continuation of general discussion

Death and disability (A/C.5/53/16)

Introduction and general discussion

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)

   Conclusion of general discussion

6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, Chapter III, Section C)

7. Other matters

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.10/Rev.1, CRP.21, CRP.22, CRP.23, CRP.26 and CRP.27

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Conference services/optical disk
2. Executive session on utilization of development dividend

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core Group/Coordinators for item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Briefing

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing *today*, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, to consider a draft resolution on nuclear disarmament, *today*, 6 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, on the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping, *today*, 6 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries [99].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	11th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 5th and 6th meetings on Thursday, 8 October 1998, at 10 a.m and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media to the briefing on "The World Economy in Turbulence; Prospects for Stabilization" by Professor Larry Klein, Nobel Laureate in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be an informal briefing on the preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and on other related matters, by the Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand), on Thursday, 8 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7 (final)) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal presentation

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Panel discussion

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Briefing

There will be a meeting for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 2 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

26th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 1-5) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Equatorial Guinea had made the necessary payments to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Delfim da Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Mr. Anastase Gasana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worships of Haiti; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo Miranda, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola; H.E.Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia; H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov, Chairman of the Delegation of Uzbekistan; and H.E. Mr. Domingos Augusto Ferreira, Chairman of the Delegation of Sao Tome and Principe.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Spain, Eritrea, Rwanda and Indonesia.

The President made a statement.

Monday, 5 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

27th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Argentina, India, the United States, Kuwait, Malaysia, Ukraine, Brazil, Ireland, Colombia, Bangladesh, Germany, Australia, Mongolia, the Russian Federation and China.

28th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cuba, Sweden, the Philippines, Egypt, Belgium, Japan, New Zealand, the Czech Republic, the Sudan, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Uruguay and Italy.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries of regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2/Rev.1) [20 (b)]

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.2/Revision 1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Russian Federation.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.2/Rev.1 (resolution 53/1 B).

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda made a statement.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 3rd meeting

Natural disasters

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended his deepest sympathy to the affected countries for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent hurricane.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/53/23 (Parts II to VIII)).

The Acting Chairman (Cuba) of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Algeria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), China, Uruguay and El Salvador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic).

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Chairman informed the Committee that there were eleven requests for hearing relating to the implementation of the Declaration, Guam, New Caledonia and Western Sahara, as well as communications received from the Governor of Guam and the Chief Minister of Guam.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairman expressed the condolences of the Third Committee at the death of H. E. Mr. Sanjaasuren Zorig of Mongolia.

The representative of Mongolia made a statement.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Committee.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Singapore, Bangladesh, the United States, Japan, Cuba, Costa Rica (also on behalf of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua), Saudi Arabia, China, the Dominican Republic and Kuwait.

The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to hold a special discussion of sub-item 100 (d) (Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action) on 2 and 3 November, which would be opened by the High Commissioner for Human Rights; on 4 November, the Committee would hear a presentation from the High Commissioner in the morning, followed by a question-and-answer session; on 4 and 5 November, the Committee would hear introductions by the Special Rapporteurs and Representatives on human rights (after each introductory statement, the floor would be given to delegations for comments). The Committee was informed that the schedule of statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Representatives would be announced in the *Journal* in advance.

The Secretary informed the Committee of the schedule of executive briefings.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the revised proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2/Rev.1) and highlighted the changes made and other modifications agreed upon by the Bureau.

The Chairman also drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.5/53/L.1/Rev.1 which contained revised information on the status of preparedness of documentation.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement and drew attention to some editorial corrections.

The representative of the Comoros made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to hold informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations), in particular in connection with Section C of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/11), on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

The Committee approved the revised programme of work, (A/C.5/53/L.2/Rev.1), as orally corrected.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Development account

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/1009).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report (A/53/7/Add.1) of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway), Japan, Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management responded to questions posed.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Support account

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/837 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/418).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Human resources management [119]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

The Director of the Operational Services Division on the Office of Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/56).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report (A/53/417) of that Committee.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Egypt, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan.

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 1998

497th and 498th meetings

General discussion on "Children living in a world with HIV/AIDS" [4]

The Committee began its general discussion.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: China (5 October 1998)

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Accession: Bangladesh (5 October 1998)*

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Bangladesh (5 October 1998)*

Convention on the Political Rights of Women. New York, 31 March 1953

Accession: Bangladesh (5 October 1998)*

Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages. New York, 10 December 1962

Accession: Bangladesh (5 October 1998)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Bangladesh (5 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

Under the sponsorship of UNESCO, "Crossing the Bridge", a theatrical presentation involving Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian actors, will take place *today*, 6 October 1998, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of delegations, the Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited. A reception will follow.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1998/889)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries [99].

3 p.m.	32nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part I) (A/53/464) [118].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

   (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

   (c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);

   (d) Draft decision (A/53/45, para. 87).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/53/2 and Add.1-3, A/C.4/53/3, A/C.4/53/4 and Add.1-4, A/C.4/53/5)
2. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories:

   Gibraltar

   Guam
3. Hearing of petitioners
4. Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90:

   General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-VIII), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII, A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III)); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

* To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416* and A/53/425)

Conclusion of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

   Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)

   Conclusion of general discussion

   Death and disability (A/C.5/53/16)

   Introduction and general discussion
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/53/7/Add.3)

   Introduction and general discussion
3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2)

   Conclusion of general discussion
4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.1/Rev.1, CRP.18/Rev.1, CRP.25 and CRP.28

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on utilization of development dividend
2. Executive session on conference services/optical disk
3. Draft report
4. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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SECOND COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, 7 October 1998

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA-AND-HERZEGOVINA

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core Group/Coordinators for item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 33rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 5th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ecuador
Zambia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Venezuela
Republic of Korea
Mexico
Syrian Arab Republic
Papua New Guinea
Benin
Lesotho
Kazakhstan
Sudan
Croatia
Philippines

3 p.m. 6th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ethiopia
Russian Federation
Egypt
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
United Arab Emirates
Bulgaria
Bahrain
Morocco
Mongolia
Colombia
Slovakia
Ukraine
Nigeria
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Mali
Yemen
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Iraq

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m. 11th meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

3 p.m. 12th meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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The meeting of the Bureau of the United Nations Disarmament Commission will take place on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be an informal briefing on the preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and on other related matters, by the Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand), on Thursday, 8 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

The list of speakers (No. 7 (final)) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The list of speakers (No. 7) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 8 October 1998 at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

29th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana

H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana, addressed the General Assembly.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85]: *commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping: draft resolution (A/53/L.5)*

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal (on behalf of the Asian States), Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Andorra (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and South Africa (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement).

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African States and as Chairman of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.5.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.5 (resolution 53/2).

The commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping was thus concluded.

30th plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) *Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);*

(c) *Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);*

(d) *Draft decision (A/53/45, para. 87)*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 37.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), China, Kazakhstan, Panama, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Chile, Malaysia, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lesotho, Mongolia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba and Pakistan.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/C.2/53/1, A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1 and A/C.2/53/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1.

The Chairman reported on the informal consultations, which had been held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227.

The Committee agreed to an adjustment in the programme of work to accommodate a telecast of the high-level meeting of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board from Geneva in the morning of 22 October. The general discussion of agenda item 94 (b), (c), (d) and (e) would thus begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 22 October.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway, which aligned

themselves with this statement), the Netherlands, Bangladesh, United States, Turkey, Belarus, Uganda, Cuba, China and Pakistan.

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Myanmar, India, Algeria, Bolivia, Tunisia, Japan, Senegal, Uruguay and Argentina.

The representative of the South Pacific Forum, an intergovernmental organization, also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark, Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Norway, the Netherlands, Ukraine, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Philippines, the Sudan, Ecuador, Venezuela, Senegal, Pakistan, Nigeria and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organization.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines (on behalf of the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Pakistan, Belarus, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), India, China, Paraguay, Japan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States and Cuba.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development account

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, China and Uganda.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Wednesday, in the morning, following the adjournment of the 5th formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Mr.Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh).

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at the 3rd meeting on 5 October, to give priority consideration to Section C of Chapter III of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/11), the representative of Ireland, coordinator of the informal consultations on this agenda item, on behalf of the Chairman, orally introduced a draft decision which will be subsequently issued as document A/C.5/53/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/898 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.2).

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway) made a statement.

Other matters

The Chief of the Security and Safety Service of the Office of Central Support Services responded to questions raised at the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 5 October 1998 regarding security and special arrangements during the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba.

Organization of work

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to establish 6 p.m. on Monday, 19 October 1998 as the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 will be 6 p.m. on Monday, 19 October 1998.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 3rd meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (see *Journal* No. 1998/191, p. 9): under the title *Requests for hearing*, the first paragraph should read as follows:

> The Chairman informed the Committee that there were eleven requests for hearing relating to the implementation of the Declaration, Guam, New Caledonia and Western Sahara, as well as communications received from the Governor of Guam and the *Chief Minister of Gilbratar*.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1998

499th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

Other matters [9]

The Committee considered these items in closed meeting.

500th meeting

Cooperation with the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies [6]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Niger (5 October 1998)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

Extension of the time-limit for signature and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 30 September 1999.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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